

H.R. 2990, the National Employment Emergency Act, can accomplish this. It's our choice: increase taxes, cut spending, put the economy in a stall, or put millions back to work.

#### CONGRATULATING MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ohio High School Athletic Association's 2012 Division I State football champions, the Moeller Crusaders. Last Saturday, the Crusaders, led by Head Coach John Rodenberg, defeated Toledo Whitmer 20-12 to capture Moeller's eighth State football championship title.

Archbishop Moeller High School, a Catholic institution in the Marianist tradition, currently has a student enrollment of 925 outstanding young men. Since its inception in 1960, Moeller High School has earned itself a well-deserved reputation for promoting both academic excellence and athletic prowess. Under their very first coach, Gerry Faust, who later went on to coach for Notre Dame, the Crusaders compiled a record of 178 wins, 23 losses, and two ties, while winning four national football championships, five State football championships, and enjoying seven undefeated seasons. One of Coach Faust's most favorite players was our very own JOHN BOEHNER. Speaker BOEHNER played as a linebacker for the Crusaders.

Following Coach Faust's tenure at the helm, the Crusaders have won three additional State championships, including the one last weekend in front of a crowd of 8,834 people at Fawcett Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

So to the Moeller High School football players, coaching staff, parents, student body, school administrators, teachers, faculty members, and fans, I offer you my heartfelt congratulations on this auspicious occasion of winning your eighth State championship. God bless you. God bless the Moeller Crusaders. God bless the men of Moeller. Take care.

Go Crusaders!

#### CREATING JOBS FOR AMERICA

(Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, no Republican in Congress is trying to protect millionaires or billionaires. In fact, Republicans lose most of the wealthiest counties and neighborhoods by very large margins. Much of the impasse in the current negotiations is over who is going to spend the money. Republicans do not want higher taxes simply because so much of what the Federal Government spends is lost to waste, fraud, and abuse.

The most wasteful, inefficient way to spend money is to turn it over to the Federal Government. The best way to create jobs and hold prices steady is to let private citizens spend and invest as they choose. The wealthy do all right even in socialist countries. But lower-income and working people come out much better in countries that allow the most free enterprise. Millionaires and billionaires can take care of themselves. Republicans are simply trying to help create jobs and keep the cost of living from going out of sight for ordinary people.

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#### MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, Democrats and Republicans agree that we should preserve tax cuts for all Americans on the first \$250,000 of family income. This will protect 98 percent of Americans from a tax increase and 97 percent of small businesses.

We have different ideas on the best and fairest way to set rates for the top 2 percent, the wealthiest Americans. Let's have that debate in the coming weeks, but let's act on the overwhelming areas of agreement today. This is not about a Democratic or Republican victory in this Chamber. It's about a victory for the American people.

Instead of moving forward with middle class tax cuts, our friends on the other side of the aisle are trying again to put forth a plan that gives tax breaks to the richest Americans at the expense of our seniors, veterans, the disabled, and the middle class.

It's time for the partisan games to end. Let's prove to the American people that this is the people's House. Pass the middle class tax cuts today.

#### MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

(Ms. TSONGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was proud to join my colleagues in signing a petition to bring the middle class tax cuts to the House floor for an up-or-down vote. While there is much left to negotiate, there is one step that we can take today. It will provide millions of families and 97 percent of all small businesses with the security of knowing that their income taxes will not rise on January 1.

Both parties and the American people agree on the need to pass an extension of the tax cuts for every family on the first \$250,000 of income. The Senate has passed such a bill, the President stands ready to sign it today, and I have heard from hundreds of constituents urging support for this now.

I urge my Republican colleagues to join us today in protecting middle class

Americans and send the Senate-passed bill to the President.

#### THE GIFT OF FREQUENT FLYER MILES

(Mr. BARROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, the holidays are a time to reflect on the things for which we are grateful. As we enjoy the company of family and friends, we should also take time to thank the brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Every one of us knows the tremendous debt we owe our military families. This year, as a token of my thanks, I'm donating over 79,000 frequent flyer miles that I received for congressional travel to the Fisher House's Hero Miles program, which provides free airline tickets to American soldiers and their families.

Flying to Washington is part of our job, and there's no better way to use the miles we accumulate from those trips than to help our troops and their families see each other. I encourage all of my colleagues to donate their miles to the Fisher House or a similar charity that helps make a difference this holiday season.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

#### COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012 AMENDMENTS

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 825) providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2838, with an amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 825

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill, H.R. 2838, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendments with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill, insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.